THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) In the Wular Lake area, security forces launched operations in the first week of April, 1992, based on specific information regarding presence of terrorists. During the entire operation, no harassment to people or damage to the property was caused and civilian police, village elders and civil administration officials were associated in the screening. All search parties were led by officials and accompanied by police personnel. In this operation, 22 terrorists were killed and 23 apprehended; the arms recovered included 15 AK 56 Rifles and 1 Universal Machine Gun. There is no proposal to hold a judicial enquiry into the matter.

Residential Colonies in Jammu and Kashmir

959. **SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA**: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of residential colonies which has come up near the city of Jammu during the last three years and also those in the process of coming up;

(b) out of the above the number of authorised/unauthorised colonies separately and who are the promoters thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that land used by these colonisers also includes State/Forest Land;

(d) whether the above area also includes the areas to which Town Planning Act/Development Act and Grants Act, apply;

(e) what is the rate at which the colonisers are selling various types of plots; and

(f) whether Government have taken any steps or propose to take effective steps to check the growth of unauthorised or unplanned colonies so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (f) Details are awaited from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Demolition of Temple in Ayodhya

960. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of small and medium temples adjacent to disputed Ram Janamabhoomi-Babri Masjid complex in Ayodhya were recently demolished by the Government of Uttar Pradesh violating the law enacted by Parliament recently for maintenance of *status quo* of religious places as on 15th August, 1947;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The question whether the provision of Section 5 of the Places of Worship (Special Provision) Act, 1991 will only apply to the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid structure or to the whole area including the structure referred to above was gone into in detail by the Honourable Allahabad High Court on 28-10-1991 in Writ petition No. 3579 (MB) of 1991 relating to Sakshi Gopal Temple. The view of the honourable High Court was that the provisions of Section 3 and 4 of the Places of Workship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 are not attracted in this case.

Loss Due to Jharkhand Agitation

961. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the cost, in terms of economic losses to the Country as a whole as a result of the recent Jharkhand Mukti

Morcha (JMM) agitation and the economic blockade;

(b) whether an amicable and permanent solution to the Jharkhand issue is likely to be found out; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) As per the reports received from the Government of Bihar so far the details of some of the damages caused during the economic blockade are as per the statement attached. (*see* below).

(b) and (c) The Union Home Minister has held meetings on Jharkhand matters with the Chief Minister of Bihar and the representatives of Chief Ministers of West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh on 4-4-1992. The Chief Minister of Orissa did not attend the meeting but conveyed his views to the Home Minister. Meetings were also held with the representatives of major political parties and Jharkhand groups in Bihar on 6-4-1992 and 7-4-1992 respectively.

Statement

(i) On 22-3-1992, in Giridih District, a van belonging to the Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., (BCCL) carrying explosives was attacked and a few other vehicles of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., were damaged;

(ii) On 24-3-1992, the engine of a goods train was damaged in Hatia near Ranchi and a mini bus was burnt in Jamshedpur District by JMM workers;

(iii) On 26-3-92, a new car of TELCO was burnt by JMM workers in Jamshedpur.

(iv) Railway lines at some places were damaged including loss of about four to five fish-plates in Ranchi District.

(v) On 28-3-1992, the Hanger of TISCO Airport was damaged in a bomb blast;

(vi) On 28-3-1992 the window panes of the Control Tower of TISCO Airport were damaged in another bomb blast.

962. [*Transferred to the 11th May*, 1992.]

Special Cell to Deal with Cable Thefts

963. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is fact that previous Police Commissioner had set up a special cell headed by a Deputy Commissioner of Police to investigate and prevent cable thefts;

(b) if so, what is the progress made by the cell to prevent cable thefts and the number of cases detected by the cell so far; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that cases of theft of cable are still continuing and if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) A special team comprising one Inspector, three Sub-inspectors and three lower ranks was set up in February, 1991 under the supervision of Additional Commissioner of Police (Southern Range) to co-ordinate the investigation of cable thefts by the district police and also co-ordinate efforts to prevent cable thefts. The number of cases reported and worked out by the district police in 1991 and upto 31st March, 1992 is as follows :—

Year	Cases Reported	Cases Worked Out
1991 . .	124	40
1992 (upto 31-3-92) . .	25	6